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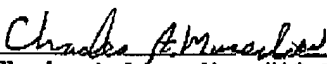
Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 14 and 36 to 44, all other claims having been cancelled.

The Examiner has examined the claims directed to the $\Delta^{3,5}$ -dienes which she has deemed to be drawn to allowable. The claims have now been limited to pregnane- $\Delta^{3,5}$ -diene-3 β -ol-20-ones

substituted in the 3 β -ol position with $-\text{NO}_2$ or $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{NO}_2$. Claims 34 and 35 have been canceled and claims 36 to 42 have been limited to the medical use of claim 43. Therefore, it is believed that all claims are now allowable. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

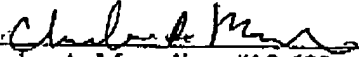
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